

REMARKS

The Office Action has been received and reviewed. Applicant has amended the claims herein, and submits the following remarks in response to the Office Action. In view of the claim amendments and the remarks, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims.

1. Rejection Of Claims 5, 8, 9 and 11

At section one of the Office Action, claims 5, 8, 9 and 11 were object to pursuant to 37 CFR 1.75(c). Claims 5, 8, 9 and 11 have been cancelled herein. It is respectfully requested that the 37 CFR 1.75(c) objection be withdrawn.

2. Rejection Of Claims 1-12 - 35 U.S.C. §112

At section three of the Office Action, claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-12 have been cancelled herein. It is respectfully requested that the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection be withdrawn.

3. Rejection Of Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10, 12 - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

At section five of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by European patent application publication number EP 0467643 A2 (Pratt). Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 10 and 12 have been cancelled herein. It is respectfully requested that the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection be withdrawn.

4. Amendments To The Claims

The set of claims as been amended herein to include new claims 13 through 22. It is respectfully submitted that claims 13 through 22 are allowable over Pratt.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted a full and complete response to the Office Action has been made. The claims are in condition for allowance, and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Applicant believes that no fee is due with this Response. If a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2442. Further, Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to file this response. However, if an extension of time is needed, please consider this as a petition for a one-month extension of time.

The Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney if any questions remain following review of this response. If it will help the examiner, the undersigned is willing to explain by telephone or in person, the reasons the claims are allowable.

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